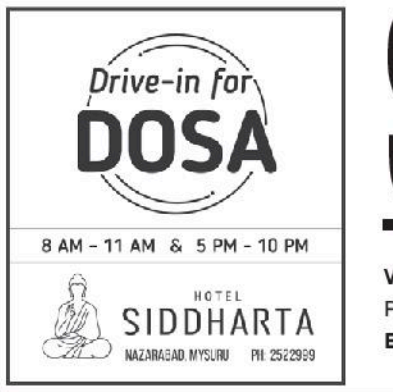

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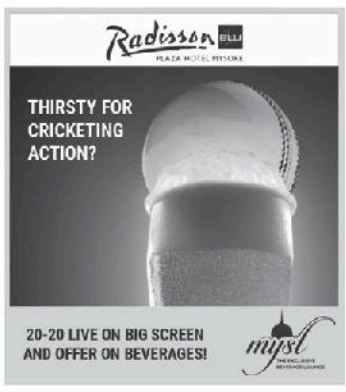

City Police trace 115 lost mobile phones

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth handing over lost mobile phones to their owners at his office this morning as DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and other officers look on.

Mysuru, May 24 (RK&BCT)- At least 115 mobile phones that were stolen or lost have been traced and 25 were returned to their owners, thanks to the Central Equipment Identity Registry (CEIR) system. This complaining mechanism provides for deactivating the stolen devices and alerts the Police whenever an attempt is made to use them.

The mobile phones were handed over to its owners by City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth at his office this morning. The phones were traced by the Cybercrime, Economic offences and Narcotics (CEN) Police wing with the help of CEIR portal — ceir.gov.in — of the Union Department of Telecommunications (DOT), said the Police Commissioner.

He told reporters here that Police Stations in the Commissionerate had received requests for blocking mobile phones after they were either stolen or lost. Before the CEIR portal was launched, there were very few chances of lost phone recovery.

(See MOBILE PHONES on page 7)

To Our Readers

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 24th May 2023

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, May 24- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up its first quarterly maintenance works at Vajamangala, Ayarahalli, Maradihundi, Chandrawadi and Karya Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas:

Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre: Mellahalli, Harohalli, Halekerehundi, Shivapura, Halagayyanahundi, Pillahalli, Varakodu, Badagalahundi, Moodalahundi, Kempegowdanahundi, Varuna, Dandikere, Vajamangala, Mosambayyanahalli, Yandahalli, Sajjehundi, Janthagalli, Mahadeshwara Layout, Indus Layout, Boogathagalli Gate, Chikkahalli, Choranahalli, Nadanahalli, Police Layout, Netajinagar, IPS Nagar, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, SMP Developers, Shobha Developers, Yashaswini Hill View, JSS Layout, Vasanthanagar, Sukhadayi Layout, Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Nagar, Saptamatruka Layout, Sahrudayanagar and Prakruthi Layout.

Ayarahalli Power Distribution Centre: Hadinaru, Hadinaru Mole, Moodahalli, Mallarajanahundi villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits.

Maradihundi Power Distribution Centre: Tummanerale and Hosakote villages.

Chandrawadi Power Distribution Centre: Nellitalapura, Kurihundi, Haradanahalli and Duggahalli villages and GP limits.

Karya Power Distribution Centre: Hadya, Kahalli, Kamhalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Baanuru, Chinnamballi, Chunchanalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti and Bhogayyanahundi villages, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers of NR Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Simarao simar simar sukh pavau...Sukhmani sukh Samrit prabh nam...Bhagat Jana kai man bisram' — ***Meditate, meditate, meditate in remembrance of God, and find peace...*** *Sukhmani:* ***Peace of mind, the nectar of the name of God.. the minds of devotees abide in a joyful place. These are verses from the*** *Sukhmani Sahib,* ***a composition which is part of the*** *Guru Granth Sahib.* ***Hailed as the 'consoler of the mind' and the 'jewel of peace,' the 'Sukhmani Sahib' prayer is a priceless legacy bequeathed to us by Guru Arjan Dev. Right from the time of its creation, the prayer has been recited worldwide by devotees, as a form of devotion to Guru Arjan Dev, thanksgiving and faith, and particularly as an invocation for health and well-being.***

'Sukh' denotes comfort and peace, and 'mani' is the mind. Reciting the prayer soothes tired nerves and rejuvenates the mind and soul. Removing all sorrows, it dispels pain and anguish through sincere remembrance of God, making us physically healthy and morally strong. It engenders in us inner strength to devote ourselves to the greater public good and develop the strength to overcome worldly problems. This prayer of peace helps one become a better person. It enables one to reach a high spiritual state through meditation. Most significantly, it is the path to self-realisation, teaching us how to lead our lives and reach God through acts of charity, prayer and love. This is its core essence.

A lifetime spent without meditating on God is a wasted one. Entrapped by wealth, we devote ourselves to the pursuit of greed and wealth accumulation, not realising that death will inevitably snatch it all away. Prayer makes us 'human.' *Sukhmani Sahib* ***makes us realise that everything follows God's order.***

— Inder Raj Ahluwalia in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Restaurant sets 'Gold Standard' with $700 burger

Spring Garden: A hamburger at the Drury Beer Garden in Philly is not a cheese stake, but a burger. A very, very expensive burger which weighs 8 ounces and costs a whopping 700 dollars.

For $700, you can get the Gold Standard. That's a Wagyu meat burger with caviar, fresh black truffle, lobster flambeed with cognac, topped with aged Irish cheddar and drizzled with honey.

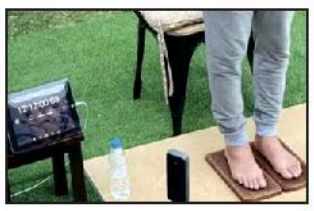
Fries are included. As is a 1-ounce pour of Louis XIII Cognac, which fetches around $5,000 a bottle.

George Tsiouris, a co-owner of the beer garden, said that the Gold Standard is about the joy of cooking.

"We are excited to provide our guests some amazing, creative and tasty options with our new menu concept," he said.

Tsiouris, however, said nothing of the gratuity that would come from a tab that included a $700 sandwich, though a 20% gratuity is added on to parties of six or more.

Cancer survivor breaks record for standing on nails



Beirut: Cancer-survivor Ramy Naouss of Lebanon relied on his inner strength yet again to break the world record for standing on a bed of nails.

Ramy Naouss stood on a bed of nails for 12 hours, 12 minutes and 8 seconds, earning himself a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records.

"Ramy's remarkable achievement serves as a powerful reminder of the fragility and preciousness of life. He wants everyone to realize it takes just one moment to change everything, and we must take responsibility for our health and well-being to ensure that we make the most of every moment we are given," Guinness said in a statement."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P T - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Rotary Gayathri Education Award for SSLC, CBSE toppers

Mysuru, May 24- For the past three decades, Rotary Mysore has been honouring SSLC students of Mysuru city who have scored 620 marks and above out of 625 in SSLC examination with the prestigious 'Rotary Gayathri Education Award.'

This year, for the first time, Rotary Mysore and Gayathri family, will be presenting the Award to the students who have passed Class 10 (CBSE) Central Syllabus 2022-23 with 490 marks and above. The award is instituted in memory of late Rtn. PHF. PP. M.T. Ramachandra of Gayathri Talkies, Mysuru.

The management of all High Schools in city may send the list of names, address and phone numbers of the students, who have secured 490 marks and above in CBSE Class 10 exam of 2022-23, along with the provisional marks card sealed and signed by the school authorities before May 26 by 5 pm.

The parents of students can also submit the provisional marks card sealed and signed by the School authority to the following address: The Hon. Secretary, Rotary Mysore, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, Mysuru-570004 [Ph: 0821-4247823].

The award will be presented to the toppers at a public function to be held on June 1 at Rotary Centre, JLB Road in city at 6.30 pm, according to Rtn. K. Subramanya Rao, President, Rotary Mysore.

Pratibha Puraskar

for Shivarchaka community students

Mysuru, May 24- Karnataka Rajya Shivarchaka Kshemabhivruddhi Trust, Mysuru, has invited applications from Shivarchaka community students who have secured above 85 percent marks in SSLC and PUC exams (2022-23) to present Pratibha Puraskar.

Eligible students may send their request letter along with marks card attested by their school HM, Aadhaar Card and mobile number, by post to the Vamadeva, #896, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross Road, Kanakadasanagar 'A' Block, Mysuru - 22. For details, contact Mob: 94485-76450 or 97313-57585 or 99017-00637.

REALLY...?

- ***Eagles are one of the biggest birds on the planet and they are at the top of the food chain.***
- ***An eagle's eyesight is around 5 times better than human's vision.***
- ***There are more than 60 eagle species and eagles can see up to three kilometres away.***
- ***One of the main reasons why an eagle has better eyesight is because of its retinas. The light-detecting cells of an eagle have more cones at the back of eyeball. For instance, a human eye has 200,000 cones per mm², compared to an eagle's eye with one million cones per mm².***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

While leading a tour of kindergarten students through our hospital, I overheard a conversation between one little girl and an x-ray technician.
"Have you ever broken a bone?" he asked.
"Yes," the girl replied.
"Did it hurt?" "No," she replied.
"Really? Which bone did you break?" "MY SISTER'S ARM!"

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VOICE OF THE READER

Vehicle parking menace in residential areas like V.V. Mohalla

Sir,

Mysuru city, also called heritage city or city of Palaces, is the fast growing city after Bengaluru. And the problems being faced by the people of Mysuru are also increasing by the day.

Vehicle parking is one main problem faced by the city residents. Since over 20 years we are facing vehicle parking menace by the neighbours. There are four families in neighbouring compound and they park their vehicles in front of our gate. If we ask them to remove the vehicle, they quarrel with us and sometimes threaten us.

As we are senior citizens, I request the Police authorities to intervene in this matter and solve the problem by issuing common letter in the public interest asking people not to park their vehicles in front of neighbour's gate or compound.

— Dr. T. Raghunath
V.V. Mohalla 22.5.2023

Sathgamaya Fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, May 24- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus, is organising **Sathgamaya-2023,** a State-level Multi Fest on May 25 and 26 at its premises in Bogadi II Stage. All the disciplines of the College such as Computer Science, Visual Communication, Management & Commerce, Sciences, Languages and Physical Education Departments will host various competitions and games that will enrich the students' knowledge base and skills while also providing entertainment.

Students can enjoy the fest with carnival and cultural extravaganza including music band. *Sathgamaya* will be inaugurated at 9.30 am tomorrow. Valedictory is scheduled for May 26 at 4 pm. B.N. Vijayakumar, Managing Director, Mysore District Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., will be the chief guest. Amritha Suresh and Abhirami Suresh, lead vocalists from the band *Amrutham Gamay,* will be the guests of honour.

Contests are open for all First Grade Colleges. Students can win cash prizes in events like Brainzee, Capture the Flag, Best Team Management, The Capital Carnival, Business Plan Event, Reel Making, AndaazApnaApna, Mock Press, Duo Diction, DivyaPatanam, Basket Ball, QuarkyBitz, RythamKadamDrutham (Solo/Group), Science Jeopardy etc. For registration, contact Shreeharsha (73376-55115) or Supreetha (99457-92603) or Chayashree (78924-04778) or Monisha (73384-00443).

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NEWS BRIEFS

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The SC Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible students of SC community for admission to sixth standard in prestigious schools of the district. Students can collect the prescribed application at the Office of the Project Co-ordinator, Integrated Tribal Development Project, SC Welfare Office, at Mysuru, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and Periyapatna taluks and the Assistant Director of Social Welfare Department, K.R. Nagar taluk. Filled in applications, along with relevant documents, must be submitted to respective offices before May 25. For details, call Ph: 0821-2427140].

Ph.D awardee

B.R. Sushmitha has been awarded Ph.D in Botany by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Ecology of Diatom Assemblages in Three Lakes of Mysore District, Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. M.K. Mahesh]

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Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.75 feet
Inflow	:	89 cusecs
Outflow	:	90 cusecs

Rain tragedy: MCC, MUDA Officers must buckle up

Clear encroachment of Raja Kaluves, check water-logging in Sharadadevinagar, Janatanagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Srirampura, Bogadi, demand concerned people

Silt, weeds, plants and garbage being cleared from a big drain at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage. Picture right shows a rain water duct being constructed at Anandanagar in city.

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BS)- The tragic death of a woman trapped inside a submerged car in a water-logged underpass in the heart of Bengaluru during torrential rains recently has triggered concerns among Mysureans.

Residents of several localities in the city have urged the authorities concerned to clear encroachment of Raja Kaluves (big storm water drains) to facilitate free flow of rain water and avoid possibilities of any danger.

Commissioner inspects

Meanwhile, taking note of Bengaluru incident, a team of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Officers inspected Raja Kaluves and low-lying areas in various parts of the city. The team led by MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy included Superintending Engineer J. Mahesh and several others, who have instructed respective Zonal Officers to take action.

Rain cause

The rainfall in the State is due to north-south trough, forming over north interior Karnataka to Cape Comorin and across interior Tamil Nadu at nine kilometres above sea level. Even before the onset of monsoon, it has started roaring, snatching the sleep of those living in low-lying areas. It is no more a secret that Bengaluru incident has kept even Mysureans on tenterhooks, calling for MCC and MUDA to take precautionary measures.

If taken into account the tragedy that struck during rainfall in the city in the last two to three years, those largely affected due to heavy downpour are a worried lot. The residents of some localities still recount the pressing times they had to spend as the rain water overflowed partially submerging the localities. The localities are split between MCC and MUDA. The Officials of respective local bodies should show political willingness to repair the storm water drains.

Influential act

Some of the influential persons have encroached upon Raja Kaluves in the outskirts of Bogadi and the reluctance on the part of the officers to clear them is said to be the main reason behind water flowing into low-lying areas at Janatanagar, Sharadadevinagar, Dattagalli, Ramakrishnanagar, Lingambudhipalya and several other localities, the residents of which still feel the bane.

When a part of Srirampura locality was inundated, dinghy boats had to be deployed to rescue those trapped inside their houses. Taking all these into cognisance, MCC and MUDA Officers should pull up their socks and take precautionary measures.

Mysuru is a well planned city that dates back to princely rule of Wadiyars. The Raja Kaluves were built only to arrest the flow of rain water towards lakes. However, there has been unabated encroachments of Raja Kaluves, due to which the flow of water changes its course during heavy spell of rainfall, flowing into low-lying areas.

Nothing to panic

MCC Superintending Engineer J. Mahesh said that "The works are already been undertaken to clear weeds and shrubs in storm water drains and Raja Kaluves, falling under all the 65 wards of the City Corporation. Sixty five percent of the works have been completed by removing the shrubs and silt in the drains coming under all the four Assembly Constituencies in the city. No rain related tragedies are reported in the city for now, as steps are taken for free flow of rain water in all the wards of the city. There is no need for the people to panic."

Saalumarada Thimmakka greets CM

Bengaluru, May 24- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had a special guest in Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday, with Padma Shree awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka, who is known as 'Vrukshamaate' (Guardian of trees) greeting him. Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) President Shivananda Tagadur was present on the occasion.

Later in a Tweet, Siddharamaiah said that Thimmakka wished him and prayed for copious rainfall and prosperity of the State. In return, he (Siddu) asked Thimmakka to keep watch on her health and the Government would take care of her.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, May 24 (KS)- In separate incidents, Mysuru Railway Police have found bodies of unidentified persons in their jurisdiction and have registered cases.

In the first case, the Railway Police found a body of an unidentified man between Mandya and Yeliyur Railway Stations.

The deceased is aged about 30 years, 5.9 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, was wearing a gold-like finger ring, has the tattoo 'AMMA S' on his right arm and was wearing a light orange coloured half arm T-Shirt and blue jeans pant.

In the second case, a body of an unidentified man was found on the railway bridge between Kadakola and Nanjangud Railway Stations. He was run over by a moving train.

The deceased is aged between 50 and 55 years, 5.8 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, round faced and was wearing a sky blue coloured checks readymade shirt, black pant with dark blue stripes and brown slippers.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Obituary

Shafi Ulla Khan

Mysuru, May 24 - Shafi Ulla Khan (75), former Arabic teacher at Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road and a resident of Subash Nagar, passed away on May 21 following brief illness in city.

He leaves behind one daughter, two sons including Asad Khan and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held on May 22 at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Zohar Salath, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

UPSC: Three from Mysuru among toppers

Davangere's V. Avinash tops State with 31st rank; Mysuru's K. Sourabh - 260th rank, M. Pooja - 390th rank and Dr. J. Bhanuprakash - 448th rank

V. Avinash

K. Sourabh

M. Pooja

Dr. Bhanuprakash

Mysuru, May 24 (SBD&BS)- The results of Civil Services Exams (CSE) conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for the year 2022 have been announced and three candidates from Mysuru have succeeded in cracking the exams, with V. Avinash of Davangere being the State topper securing 31st rank.

K. Sourabh of Vijayanagar in the city has secured 260th rank, M. Pooja of Kuvempunagar secured 390th rank and Dr. J. Bhanuprakash of Kestur Koppal, Hebbal hobli, K.R. Nagar taluk in the district has secured 448th rank in UPSC exams.

Sourabh, who is currently on IFS training at Dehradun, is the son of Dr. K. Kemparaju, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Mysore and Dr. M. Janaki, a faculty at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

Pooja is the daughter of Mukundrao Bedre, an employee of a private company and Padmavathi couple. She has succeeded in cracking the exams in the top, in her second attempt.

Dr. Bhanuprakash is the son of Jayarame Gowda and Girijamma couple. Jayarame Gowda, who retired from a private company, later took to farming in his native, while his wife Girijamma is an Anganwadi teacher in Belavadi, Mysuru.

Total candidates: A total of 933 candidates across the country have cleared the exams, including 26 from the State alone.

Avinash, the State topper, is an alumnus of National Law School of India University (NLSUI), Bengaluru. The other rank holders from the State are Shruti Yaragatti, 362nd rank from Sarur Thanda, Muddebihal taluk, Vijayaupra, B.V. Sridevi, 525th rank, Adinath Padmanna, 566th rank and I.N. Meghana 617th rank.

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'Kadali Award' conferred on Sudha Murty

'Teach Vachana for good upbringing of kids'

Mysuru, May 24 (MTY&BS)- Sudha Murty of Infosys Foundation has given a clarion call to parents to inculcate to their children simple Vachana penned by Akka Mahadevi and 12th century social reformer Basavanna to raise them in a good way. She was speaking after receiving 'Kadali Award' conferred on account of Akka Mahadevi Jayanti celebrations organised by Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat in association with Kadali Mahila Vedike at Navajyoti Auditorium in JSS Women's College, Saraswatipuram, yesterday.

Akka Mahadevi and Basavanna have written several Vachana in a simplest form, the essence of which can make the life meaningful. If the children are taught Vachana along with the meanings, they will evolve as better citizens, opined Sudha Murty.

"Instead of teaching Vachana which are difficult to understand, Vachana in the simplest form should be better taught. Initially, the children may be perplexed, but will definitely grasp the meaning once they grow. Philosophy of life is embedded in Vachana which teaches honesty, culture and tradition. Literature is not just about words and country is not just about land, but both are emotional matters which binds human beings. Vachana filled with such emotions should be taught to children, so that culture and tradition is passed on to younger generation," she asserted.

Tracing the life of Akka Mahadevi, Sudha Murty said: "800 years ago, a woman who was firm about her aim in life, set out on foot and wandered places, before landing in Anubhava Mantapa in Kalyana and penned Vachana and advocated many principles, which are relevant even to this day. She bravely fought against injustice and produced finest form of literature. Even in those times, when nobody was aware of women's representation, Akka Mahadevi mesmerised all with her Vachana at Anubhava Mantapa. Her Vachana is widely regarded as the best form of literature which stands distinctly apart from that of other Vachana writers. It holds mirror to the matured literary works of Akka Mahadevi, yet in its simplest form with cornucopia of words."

Sudha Murty, who recalled reading Thippeswamy's 'Kadali Karpoora' 50 years ago, said: "Later I travelled up to Kadali and Kalyana, with the sole intention of understanding Akka Mahadevi. But I didn't visit Srishaila. At the age of 17, I had learnt 2,000 Vachana and understood their meaning at the age of 44 and practiced them at the age of 50."

"Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji is revered as a Guru, who shares a motherly relationship with the land. Apart from treading the spiritual path, he has been a beacon of light for orphans. Like Basavanna, the Seer is also taking the society towards the right path. It has been a tradition in our family to do offerings to Mutts and this year we have selected Suttur Mutt," she said.

Member of Kadali Mahila Vedike Neelambika handed over a wheelchair to a disabled girl student on the occasion. Radha Mallappa handed over Rs. 2 lakh in the name of her mother towards endowment to confer award on achievers in the field of music.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the ceremony. Former VC of Davangere University Dr. S. Indumathi, Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M.G. Sadanandaiah, Kadali Mahila Vedike President Sharada Shivalingaswamy and Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Helavarahundi Siddappa were present.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Let us be vocal about local problems faced by Mysureans

Reading an article titled ***'Is Lalitha Mahal Hotel going Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion way?'*** in yesterday's *Star of Mysore* written by no less a person than one who is well-qualified and experienced on the subject and a retired Senior Vice-President of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Mr. N.K.A. Ballal, a resident of Mysuru for many years now, I felt much disturbed as a Mysurean and thought I must add my comments to Mr. Ballal's narration.

Mysuru is the second important and biggest city of Karnataka in addition to being the city of Palaces and a cultural capital. It is the most popular tourist destination, both domestic and foreign. When such is the iconic status of Mysuru city with ever-growing local and immigrant population, it is natural to expect the city to have proper infrastructure and preservation of its heritage structures some of which are of world class standard. Among them are the Palaces that dot the city in all directions. If the main Amba Vilas Palace is in the centre of city, in its eastern horizon is the famous Lalitha Mahal Palace, now in a dilapidated condition as described in the article.

Another article titled ***'Waiting for Lalitha Mahal to collapse?'*** about the possible collapse of this Palace Hotel for want of proper upkeep and repair by Vikram Muthanna was published in his column *In Black & White* (*SOM* dated Nov. 5, 2022). Apparently, it had no effect on those who are responsible for the safety and preservation of the Palace till this day and naturally the deterioration of the structure is seen all over. Certainly there is no guarantee the authorities would act even after exposing this kind of neglect of the Palace.

As we know, Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel's structural deterioration and decline in popularity began after it was handed over to the State Government in 2017 by ITDC which was maintaining and running the hotel successfully. Unfortunately, the State Government, instead of calling a tender and handing it over to a reputed multinational hotel like Taj Group or ITC or Hilton, Radisson, Oberoi etc., handed it over in a platter to already loss-making Jungle Lodges and Resorts, a State Government body, with no experience in running this kind of five star hotels. Since 2017 this Hotel became a dedicated hotel for politicians and lost its business and star status, leading to the disrepair of the building.

I am reminded of how the State Government, many years ago, refused to renew the lease of the famous Metropole Hotel in city run by the multinational Ritz Group and then could not decide whom to hand over the hotel because of cut-throat competition among local and outside politicians. As a result, the building began to crumble over the years looking like a haunted house. Finally it was given to the present management when S.M. Krishna was the Chief Minister. Thank God, not only that iconic heritage building constructed by Sir M. Visvesvaraya to provide accommodation to foreign visitors was saved, but also enabled the city to boast of a good star hotel. More than that, the Government is also earning a good revenue by tax. Imagine the revenue loss, as also employment loss due to its closure for over 6-7 years. Proof of poor governance.

As for the fate of Devaraja Market building, the Lansdowne building, the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion and many other heritage structures including the wide-spanned iconic royal gates like those in front of Government House and near Crawford Hall, God only knows how long they will remain standing.

Now the question is at whose doorsteps we Mysureans should place the blame for this kind of criminal neglect of a historical city with an enlightened civilisation that existed during the time of Wadiyars till the reign of Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV? Is it at the doorsteps of the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru District or at the doorsteps of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat or at the doorsteps of Mysuru City Corporation? I mention these three Government departments because the district is governed under the whip, seal and signature of those who head these bodies.

Yet, another question arises: What are our elected representatives doing about these problems which have been staring at their face for the last two decades and more? And again a question will arise, when nobody does anything to find solutions to these problems, why are local NGOs and social activists not getting agitated and get the Government at Vidhana Soudha to act?

I personally do not know how to get answers to these questions. Our city is getting well-connected by road, rail and air. However, for this we have to thank the local MP Pratap Simha and the Central Government rather than the dysfunctional State Government and the incompetent local political representatives. **Just take the example of this fast growing city needing a helipad.** For nearly a century, city has been having an ideally located and properly laid out helipad near the five star Lalitha Mahal Hotel. It was called Lalitha Mahal Helipad. It was a very good asset for the Hotel where VVIPs would stay and a great convenience for businessmen, tourists and more importantly the politicians.

Now this helipad is closed for the reason the land on which the helipad is has been declared by the Court as the property of Mysore Royal family. Naturally, the royal family has fenced and closed its operations.

But what should be the responsibility and concern of our people's representatives or the District Administration or the MCC or any other Government authority which has the responsibility of the upkeep of the helipad? The moment the helipad was closed, those who are responsible for the management of the helipad (if there was one at all!) should have immediately written to the Government to make alternative arrangement by acquiring the same land saying that it was needed for public purpose by paying the required compensation or by purchasing the land by paying the market rate.

If this was done in time, many politicians would have been the beneficiaries during this Assembly election as they could land directly in city instead of landing at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and driving for 20 minutes or more to city. Likewise, there are many issues to be sorted out for the benefit of tax-payers.

Take for example the manner in which the city's most important problem of **solid waste management** is handled. The BJP was in power for as long as it would take to solve this most repulsive hygiene-related stinking problem. There were incidents of people in the locality complaining of earth filling of solid waste being done recklessly and a virtual mountain rising that could be seen by the passing motorists and also by the neighbouring people living in houses and apartments in Vidyaranyapuram. They were complaining of 24x7 stinking smell, worst than that of a skunk that residents had lived closing their windows and doors all the time. Yet the city MLAs could not finalise either a location or the required wherewithal machineries for setting up of waste management plant.

Still the works on this, I learn, have remained incomplete. However, in the North-Western part of our city, thanks to former MLC and CITB Chairman D. Madegowda, the Zero Waste Management Unit was commissioned at Kumbarakoppal and is said to be working. It is only people's representatives like Madegowda, who could address the problems of our city while others merely went as chief guests for launching civic amenities works.

If I may add one more non-performing achievement of BJP Government and the local BJP MLAs, that would be the problems faced by thousands of site and house owners (including apartment owners) of JC Nagar, KC Nagar, Siddarthanagar, Alanahalli and was known as **'B-Kharab case of Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4'** from 2008 when BJP was in power and then it was followed up by the victims during the Congress Government of Siddharamaiah that came to power in 2013.

The BJP which created this problem through its MLC when P.S. Vastrad was Mysuru Deputy Commissioner could do nothing while in power. It needed Siddharamaiah to solve the problem at last. Surprisingly, except the victims going to Law Courts and other victims going behind the BJP and Congress MLAs like their shadows, no popular movement by the NGOs or social activists was seen in city. **All these cases mentioned above clearly show that in a democracy, unless the people of the area together take up the cause, they will never get justice.** Wisdom lies, I guess, in the people of the city treating Mysuru as a City State, taking the ancient City States of Greece or ancient Panchayat system of management of villages as models. **People's representative should only be a servant or an implementer of the aspirations of people who have sent him or her as their representative.**

Monsoon is already here and steps must be taken to deal with the problem of flooding of roads and low-lying areas. Similarly, the problem of power failure due to monsoon that will bring down many trees and their branches. Further as we know, the problem of parking not only in downtown city areas but also in the shopping high streets in different layouts within and outside the Outer Ring Road.

Now that we have three newly minted MLAs, two from the ruling Congress party and one from the BJP, we should expect some prompt action to solve all the problems narrated above. This should not be difficult because Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is himself from Mysuru and let us hope he remembers that charity begins from home.

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2021 Chamarajanagar oxygen tragedy

Will Congress walk the talk by giving jobs to victims?

Rahul Gandhi, Siddharamaiah, D.K. Shivakumar had promised Government jobs to dependents of 36 deceased

By Siddalingaswamy

Chamarajanagar, May 24- With Congress storming back to power in the State, several families in Chamarajanagar district are eagerly waiting to get a Government job as promised by the grand old party.

On the unfortunate day of May 2, 2021, a tragic incident unfolded at the District Hospital, resulting in the loss of 36 patients' lives due to a lack of oxygen supply. As the night progressed, the oxygen levels gradually declined, and by 10.30 pm, the supply ceased entirely, leading to the devastating outcome.

Following this headline-making tragedy, the Congress party, which was then in the Opposition while the BJP formed the Government, pledged to provide Government jobs to the next of kin of the deceased if the party regained power in the State.

The then President of All India Congress Committee (AICC) Rahul Gandhi and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar had repeatedly promised on these lines, kindling hope among the dependents of oxygen tragedy victims.

Soon after the tragedy, the then Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly and now Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and KPCC President and current Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had come rushing to the district only to console the grieving family members of the deceased. Shivakumar had even given a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh for each of the bereaved families.

A few months later, during the General Elections for the Legislative Assembly, Rahul Gandhi embarked on the Bharat Jodo Yatra, covering Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. On October 1, 2022, he entered the State through Gundlupet, where he attentively listened to the grievances of the affected individuals from the oxygen tragedy at Veeranapura Cross in Gundlupet taluk.

Rahul Gandhi assured them by stating that "the Congress party stands by you and will do everything possible to assist you. If the Congress

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comes to power in the State, efforts will be made to provide Government jobs to a family member of each deceased person involved in the tragedy."

That apart, in the run up to recent election, Shivakumar, who addressed a mammoth public meet as part of 'Prajadhwani Yatre' in Chamarajanagar on Jan. 26, had said that "36 people lost their lives to oxygen tragedy in the district, but BJP Government in the State, neither seriously probed into the issue nor distributed compensation in an adequate manner. If our party returns to power, job will be given to one each of the dependents from the families of victims at the same District Hospital itself and also take action against the officers responsible for the tragedy."

One has to wait and watch whether Congress party that has wrested power from BJP, with absolute majority by winning 135 seats, will walk the talk.

Hopeful of securing a job

Jyothi of Bisalavadi village in Chamarajanagar taluk lost her husband Siddanayaka in the oxygen tragedy. "With two children to take care of, I was left to fend for myself, when Congress gave a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh. But the State BJP Government did nothing," rued Jyothi who desperately needs the Government job at least to educate her kids further and manage the family.

"The children got free education from Suttur Mutt. My son has excelled in recent SSLC exams, but is unable to pursue studies further due to financial constraints. As Congress party is back in the saddle, it would be really helpful, it the party keeps up the promise," said Jyothi.

Road Race: Entries invited

Mysuru, May 24- Mysuru District Master Athletics and Mysuru District Athletic Association have jointly organised 'RMM Vijayalakshmi Narayanasingh Memorial Road Race - Run for Health' athletic event on May 28 starting from the DC's Office at 6.30 am.

The run will be held in various age groups as follows: Below 10 years boys and girls - 100 mts; Below 12 years boys and girls - 1 km; Below 14 years boys and girls - 2 kms; Below 17 years boys and girls - 4 kms; Below 20 years boys and girls - 5 kms; 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years and above 65 years - 1 km.

The first six place winners in each category will be awarded certificates and first three winners will be honoured with cash prize. Entry is free and registration is mandatory. Last date to register is May 26 (before 7 pm).

For details, registration and to collect chest numbers, visit Propharma Sports, 2511/D, CH 28, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru or contact P.G. Satyanarayana on Mob: 99018-41314 or Srikanth on Mob: 97318-08008.

Gita Samhita-2023 Fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, May 24- GSSS SSFGC, KRS Road, Metagalli, is hosting the Annual Gita Samhita-2023, a State-level College Fest for all UG students on May 25 and 26 from 9.30 am onwards.

The events are being conducted under the guidance of Dr. T.S. Rakesh, Principal, GSSS SSFGC. Chief guest Vijayrao, Head of the ICSI, will inaugurate the fest tomorrow in the college auditorium. Vidwan Sridhar Jain, an acclaimed dancer, will be the guest of honour.

The fest will feature 18 events including treasure hunt, stock market, best entrepreneur, quiz, debate, dance, drama, etc.

The valedictory will be held on May 26 at 5 pm in the College auditorium. This will be followed by a concert by rock band 'Swarathma.' UG students from all Colleges may attend.

Nidhi Aapke Nikat on May 29

Mysuru, May 24- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 will be conducted by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on May 29 from 9 am onwards at TAPCMS, H.D. Kote, H.B. Road, Mysuru and at Town Municipality auditorium in Pandavapura, Mandya district.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners, Employers etc. may attend the programme for awareness, queries and information.

For details, contact Public Relation Officer (PRO) on Ph: 0821-2599200/ 222 or visit Social Media Platform (@epfomysore) of the Regional Office, Mysuru.

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City Police trace 115 lost mobile phones

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"The normal way was to extract further information from a mobile phone lifter upon his/her arrest in one case and get some more instruments. Whenever a person approached the Police with the mobile phone lost complaint, the Police used to give an acknowledgement often. Now the system has changed completely with the portal," B. Ramesh explained.

Once the complaint is made providing all details of the device and its owner on the CEIR portal, the mobile automatically gets blocked. Any attempt to use the device by inserting a new SIM card will result in the Police getting an alert about the number and location and other details of the new user. The Cops will activate the device, call back the number, tell the receiver that it is a stolen phone and he/she should return it or face legal consequences. The SIM card used by the receiver provides all details making it easy for Police to get in touch with him/her.

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Owners can either upload the details on the CEIR portal after obtaining an acknowledgment for their Police complaint or leave it to the Police to trace the phone.

DCPs M. Muthuraj (Law & Order) & S. Jahnavi (Crime & Traffic), CEN Inspector Yoga Nanjappa were present. The staff who detected the lost phones were Sub-Inspectors Pooja, Siddappa and Firoz Khan (probationary), ASI Subhash Chandra, Anil, Badsha, Nataraj & Yakub Shareef.

Mysore Summer Races 2023 fixtures

Mysuru, May 24- Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. will be hosting Mysore Summer Races 2023 from May 26 to July 14 on the following days: May 26; June 2; June 9; June 16; June 23; June 30; July 7; July 14, according to MRC Secretary & CEO NHS Mani.

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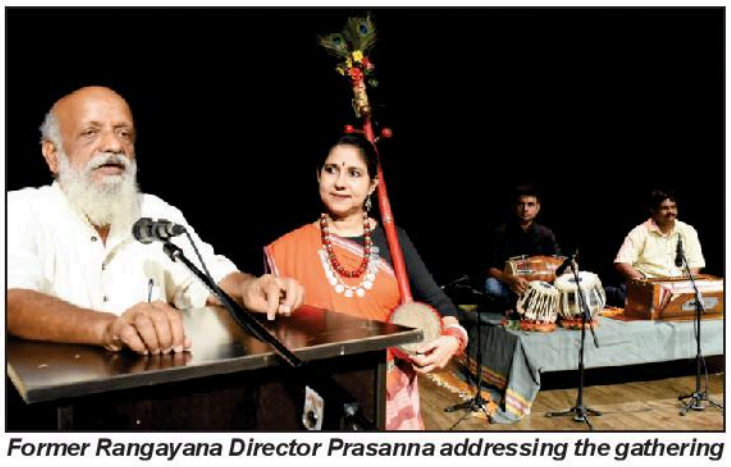
Venkataraju, Sr. theatre personality



Former Rangayana Director Prasanna addressing the gathering at a seminar on 'Rangayana' at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira on Monday. 'Pandwani' artiste Seema Ghosh, Anush (on tabla) and Munna (on harmonium) are also seen.

Mysuru, May 24 (CN&DM)- Maintaining that Mysuru Rangayana was a hotbed of controversy for the past four years, senior theatre personality Venkataraju observed that there should be no Government interference in the functioning of Rangayana, the State-run repertory.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'Rangayana - Yeke, Yenu, Yetta,' organised by Indian Theatre Foundation (Bharatiya Rangashikshana Samsthe), Mysuru, at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises here on Monday.

Pointing out that hundreds of artistes have toiled hard for the growth of Mysuru Rangayana for the past over three decades, Venkataraju said that Rangayana provided a different picture when weekend plays were regularly performed there. But now the situation in the theatre repertory has completely changed with the advent of hatred, broken minds, jealousy etc.

Accusing the previous Rangayana Director of forcing desertions, he said it is not correct to run Rangayana with personal agendas. Pointing out that the people have taught a fitting lesson to those who made attempts to divide the society, he expressed hope that Rangayana will get its past sheen and creativity.

Noted theatre personality Prasanna, in his address, said that Rangayana provides a very good platform for professionalism in theatre. But of late, Rangayana was in the news for reasons other than the theatre, he said adding that any deviation from the set agenda of Rangayana would lead to its downfall.

Citing the example of Gubbi Veeranna Company, Prasanna said that the Company prevailed because Veeranna himself ran the show, without letting it for others. But Rangayana of late has turned out into a sorry state of affairs, after B.V. Karanth handed it over to the Government.

Rangayana would have retained its name and glory had Karanth himself led it through the times, he said adding that all stakeholders should come forward for taking back the repertory to its past glory.

Senior theatre personality Kalegowda Nagavara too spoke at the Seminar.

Rajiv, Srinivas of Nirantara Samsthe and students of Rangashikshana School were present. On the occasion, noted artiste Seema Ghosh presented 'Pandwani,' a folk art of Madhya Pradesh.

Three-day drama festival concludes

Mysuru, May 24 (CN&TRR)- "Compared to the history of other States, our Karnataka has a very strong history and everyone should be aware of our State's history," said Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner (Finance) Jayaram Rayapura.

He was speaking at the valedictory function of the three-day mini drama festival organised under the caption 'Ranga Vasantha' by city's Niranthara Foundation and Nypunya School of Excellence at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in city on Sunday.

"Shivaji is glorified in the history of Maharashtra. Cholas in Tamil Nadu, Shathavahanas in Andhra have also been glorified, but the situation is different in Karnataka. Kings from various dynasties across regions have ruled the State. Rulers from Ganga, Chalukya, Kadamba and Rashtrakoota dynasties have ruled Southern India and Karnataka was regarded as the centre of Southern India. Except for about 100 years of Chola's rule, our kings have left their impression on the history of India across periods," opined Jayaram Rayapura.

Later, play 'Varasudara,' which depicts the incidents and clashes in Mughal dynasty, was staged.

Nrupathunga Kannada School Secretary Savitha, State Farmers Association's Basavaraju, Director of Niranthara Prasad Kundur and others were present at the function.

India's achievement in digitalisation is enormous, says C.V. Gopinath

C.V. Gopinath

Mysuru, May 24 (MK&TRR)- Retired Additional Secretary to the Government of India, C.V. Gopinath, has said that India has recorded a very big achievement in the Digital Revolution.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the 'World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023' event held with the theme 'Empowering the Least Developed Countries through Information and Communication Technologies,' organised by the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, at its S.P. Bhat Hall on JLB Road in city recently.

"International Telegraph Union, which was started on May 17, 1865, was later renamed as International Telegraph and Telephone Union (ITTU). United Nations Organisation (UNO) made the Union as an inseparable part of its entity. Following new researches and to achieve more in the field of Information and Communication, the ITTU was merged with Information Society in 2006. The Information Society later came to be known as 'International Communication Technology and Information Society (ICC) in 2017 and since then, is engaged in the research of Communication Devices. Even though the name of original organisation has changed, May 17 is being celebrated as the 'World Telecommunication and Information Day," said the former Additional Secretary.

Stating that digitalisation is on the increase across the globe and there is a digital revolution happening everywhere, Gopinath said that India is making rapid strides in exporting digital devices under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme.

"Now, all transactions including recharge of mobile phones are being done digitally thereby creating an impression that there is nothing without online. India, which once used to import digital devices from other countries, is now exporting them," Gopinath concluded.

B.S. Prabhakara, Chairman of IEI Mysore Local Centre presided. Programme Convener K.B. Bhaskar, Joint Hon. Secretary Dr. R. Deepu and Hon. Secretary H.S. Suresh Babu were present.

Book release and felicitation mark writer's 80th birthday

Science writer S. Ramaprasad was felicitated on his 80th birthday celebrations and book release function, jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and Hoysala Kannada Sangha at Rotary West auditorium, Saraswathipuram in city recently. He is seen with** (standing from left) **Kannada Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC) Managing Director Dr. M.R. Ravi, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj and KSOU Kannada Professor Dr. Jyothi Shankar. A felicitation volume brought out in honour of Ramaprasad titled 'Rama Prabhe' and three other books 'Maneyondu Bagilaidu', 'Kelu Jaana Thammana Muktakagalu' and 'Alvars and Sri Ramanujacharya', written by Ramaprasad, were released on the occasion.

A section of the audience at IEI premises in city recently.

U.T. Khader elected as new Speaker

Bengaluru, May 24 (KMS& DM)- As expected, senior Congress MLA U.T. Khader has been unanimously elected as the Speaker of the 16th Karnataka Assembly.

Khader, a five-time successive MLA from Mangaluru (erstwhile Ullal) Constituency and also a former Minister, was elected unopposed as he was the only candidate to file nomination papers yesterday.

Khader's election was a foregone conclusion as it is a normal practice for the nomination of the ruling party candidate to the Speaker's post, with the Congress winning with an absolute majority in the May 10 Assembly polls.

The CLP (Congress Legislature Party) meeting held earlier in the day in Vidhana Soudha had ratified the nomination of Khader to the Speaker's post. His name was proposed by CM Siddharamaiah and endorsed by Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar.

The new Speaker was formally elected on the third and final day today of the first session of the new Assembly, which was conducted by Protem Speaker R.V. Deshpande of the Congress, the senior-most MLA of the House. The first two days of the session (May 22 and 23) were reserved for oath-taking by the newly elected MLAs of the 224-member Karnataka Assembly.

Soon after his unanimous election, Khader was led to the Speaker's Chair by CM Siddu, Deputy CM Shivakumar and former CM Basavaraj Bommai. Later Siddharamaiah and Bommai delivered the congratulatory address and wished the new Speaker.

In other proceedings of the day, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah introduced his Cabinet members (8 Ministers) to the House.

DKS will be CM for 8 years: Astrologer

Amidst the confusion over power sharing formula in the Congress, an astrologer has predicted that D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) will be the Chief Minister of the State for 8 years after 2 years from now.

Bengaluru-based astrologer B.B. Aradhya maintained that DKS will take over as the CM after next year's Lok Sabha polls and would continue to serve the State as the CM for 8 years. Aradhya has suggested Shivakumar to occupy the Government bungalow which Siddharamaiah is currently staying, after he (Siddu) moves into another bungalow now that Siddharamaiah is the CM.

Focus now on monsoon preparedness in Mysuru

DC warns of lodging FIRs against erring officials

Mysuru, May 24 (BCT)- In a bid to solve water-logging problems in Mysuru this monsoon, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has sent out a stern message to officers: Perform or face FIRs for dereliction of duty.

Addressing a meeting on monsoon preparedness at his office last evening, the DC asked the District and Taluk-level officers to be alert as the monsoon damages have already started. "In the coming days, rains will only intensify and we must be prepared with personnel and equipment like fire and emergency services, boats, diving experts, ropes and other rescue materials. Track the records of damages in the past and take preventive measures," the DC said.

"Some of the officers are showing an unfavourable attitude towards the general public. As a result, they suffer a lot during the rainy season. It is a common problem each and every year that during monsoon season water accumulates on roads and clogs the drainage system. Officers must prepare a concrete plan in advance to meet the problem of laying underground pipes and other sewerage work well before the start of monsoon," he said.

Asking the local officers to set up 24x7 control rooms at Taluk levels, the DC said that support and aid must reach the aggrieved residents within 24 hours as there is no point in a delayed response. "You must take necessary steps to avoid the last minute chaos. Action will be initiated against the erring officials for the undue delay in the progress of the work as delaying tactics will cost dear both to the administration as well as the residents," Dr. Rajendra noted.

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra takes over as MUDA Chairman

Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, May 24- In the backdrop of the new Congress Government cancelling all nominations to Boards, Corporations, Authorities, Academies and other Government bodies, made by the previous BJP Government, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has taken charge as the Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The previous BJP Government had last appointed Mysuru party leader Yashaswi Somashekar as MUDA Chairman late last year.

Soon after taking charge, Dr. Rajendra has directed the heads of various Departments to submit all Government letters, confidential letters and other Government correspondence matters concerning MUDA, at the Chairman's Office.

Based on the direction of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, the State Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma on Monday had ordered cancellation of all nominations made to Boards, Corporations etc.

Remove drainage congestion

Municipal Corporations should ensure prompt remedial action in case of drainage congestion and must be well-equipped to deal with any eventuality on account of heavy rains. Deploying smart water management tools could also be effective in tackling the problem of water-logging, he added.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy told the DC that engineers from all nine Zones have been directed to take immediate action and undertake necessary measures. "Heavy rains last Sunday caused localised flooding in certain low-lying areas, with residents attributing the issue to blocked drains. Of the 65 wards, there are issues in six wards and they are being addressed," he said.

The civic body has initiated a comprehensive plan to unclog stormwater drains across all three Constituencies and the obstruction of rainwater flow is primarily attributed to the accumulation of waste in the Raja Kaluves (stormwater channels), he noted.

"We have instructed our staff to prioritise the clearing of stormwater drains on an urgent basis and additionally, trees that are prone to collapsing during heavy rains and posing risks to life and property are being identified and pruned as a precautionary measure," the Commissioner added.

Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kavitha Rajaram, Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandini, Assistant Commissioner Kamalabai and other Taluk-level officers were present.

Put an end to moral policing: CM Siddharamaiah to Cops

We do not want a single paisa from you and you need not pay anybody: Dy.CM Shivakumar

Bengaluru, May 24 (KMS& BCT)- In his maiden meeting with top Police officials after the Congress Government came to power, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah on Tuesday warned that jurisdictional officers will be held responsible if law and order situation deteriorates, and asked them to act against those disturbing harmony through social media posts.

"There will be no moral policing anymore. We will put an end to this. The Police must not look at crimes through the prism of this religion or that religion. All people must be viewed equally and must be given equal protection," the CM added.

"We have told the Police to have a people-friendly administration. Secondly, they must behave in a courteous manner with people who come to the Police Station. The responsibility for checking illegal activities will also vest on respective Deputy Commissioners and not just Police Inspectors," he noted.

"Whatever illegal activities occur in a region whether it is rowdyism, gambling and other illegal activities, the officers will also be held responsible," the CM added.

No 'saffronisation'

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who was also present at the meeting, pointing to a few incidents under the previous BJP regime said, the new Government will not allow 'saffronisation' of the Police Department.

"Are you going to saffronise the Police Department? This is not allowed in our Government. I know how you insulted the Department by wearing saffron clothes in Mangaluru, Vijayapura and Bagalkot. If you have respect for the country, you should work with the national flag," Shivakumar said.

"Karnataka Police Department had a good reputation in the entire country. You have ruined that honour and dignity. Everywhere you look it's corruption," Shivakumar added.

Accusing the Police of filing false cases against Congress leaders and workers, Siddharamaiah and him during the BJP rule, Shivakumar said, "I know how you behaved with me and Siddharamaiah when we did the 'PayCM' campaign in the past. Cases have been filed against us. Thousands of false cases have been filed against our workers. But no case was filed against the opposite party."

"People are expecting a big change and it should start with the Police Department itself. The message of change should go to the people. Your past behaviour will not repeat. You have to change and your attitude must change," he stated.

Talking about the involvement of an Additional Director General of Police rank official in the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment scam, Shivakumar said it shows how "bad the department is". He accused the Police of 'harassing' Congress leader Priyank Kharge, who brought the scam to light.

"We do not want a single paisa from you and you need not pay anybody. We want to ensure a hassle-free environment for the public. No more drugs or any kind of rowdyism will be tolerated and the Police will be responsible for all this. We should give a corruption-free Government. All unauthorised clubs will be closed," he added.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bower

Pronunciation: BOW-er.
Meaning: Bower is a literary word that usually refers to a garden shelter made with tree boughs or vines twined together.
Origin: If you visited someone's bower a millennium ago, you'd likely have found yourself at an attractive rustic cottage. A few centuries later, a visit to a bower could have involved a peek into a lady's personal hideaway within a medieval castle or hall—that is, her private apartment. Both meanings hark back to the word's ancient roots: it comes from Old English būr, meaning "dwelling." Today, bower is more familiar as a word for a garden shelter made with tree boughs or vines twined together, a meaning that overlaps with that of arbor. (The adjective bowery, meaning "like a bower" or "full of bowers" is used to describe areas that resemble or are filled with these leafy pergola-like structures). Bower also features in the name of bowerbirds, any of approximately 20 different bird species native to Australia, New Guinea, and nearby islands, the males of which build more-or-less elaborate structures using twigs, moss, and other plant materials to woo potential mates during courtship.
Example: "Today, a café occupies part of ground floor, its tables and chairs distributed under a leafy bower on the veranda."—Samanth Subramanian

THE ODD WORD

Acanthous

Spiny; prickly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A bun in the oven

Meaning: To have 'a bun in the oven' is to be pregnant. Oven=womb, baby=bun.
Origin: This phrase might have been derived as an allusion to the loose connection between 'baby' and 'bunny'. However, it's more likely that this, and other terms for pregnant, like 'up the duff' and 'in the pudding club', all share the same euphemistic source. The phrase originated in the 20th century. The first citation we can find is in Nicholas Monsarrat's Cruel Sea, 1951: "'I bet you left a bun in the oven, both of you,' said Bennett thickly... Lockhart explained ... the reference to pregnancy."

QUOTE BOX

I'm not interested in money. I just want to be wonderful.

— Marilyn Monroe

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LIFE
LACE

Answer: Living on a shoestring.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Dry (as with wines)
4 Communications Mgmnt. Unit
7 Bimal Roy's Do __ Jameen
9 Ethiopia's only walled city
12 Peruse or go through again?
13 Habituate, get used to
14 Nepalese porter
15 Worldly goods
17 Microwave Landing Sys.
18 Open-mouthed
20 ___ in the book : disallowed?
21 Working (2,2)
22 Not any
23 One working with X-rays
27 Spend time doing nothing or relaxing
28 System of bidding in Bridge
29 Rock musician Brian
30 Completely destroyed
32 Biological oxygen demand, acronym
35 Partial partition
37 East African soldier or policeman
39 Vital organ
40 Within easy reach
41 Point in dispute
42 Rebuffs, repulses or blackballs
43 A conclusion
44 Lacking moisture

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	P	S		L	E	A	P			D	O	C
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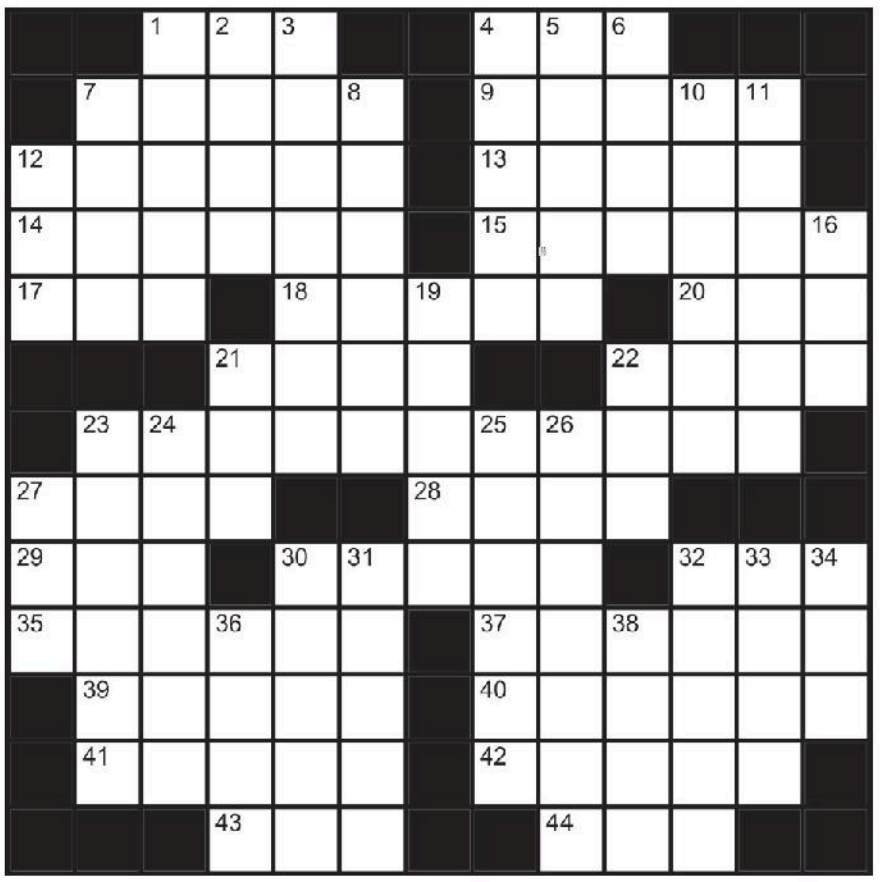
DOWN

1 Begets or gives birth to as a male parent
2 Elbe tributary
3 Indian flat bread
4 Low-cost
5 Vicar's or minister's house, especially in Scotland
6 Extinct ox - "Suru" anagram?
7 Monish ___ : Nutan's son
8 Leisurely, musically speaking
10 Stadia
11 Riposte or repartee
12 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
16 Do pigs feel at home here?
19 Book of maps
21 Fruit drink
22 Nought
23 Capital of Jharkhand
24 Portuguese island group in the Atlantic
25 Vast seas
26 Piece of good luck
27 French article
30 Screening again of an old blockbuster, should we say?
31 Paid the pot
32 Device for outdoor cookery
33 Globes or eyeballs
34 Home "improvements" (abbr.)
36 With ___ : without much difficulty?
38 Mandatory last name for a Sikh lady



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	4	7	9	8	1	6	5
6	1	7	4	3	5	2	8	9
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7	6	5	3	8	4	9	2	1
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8	5	2	9	4	6	7	1	3
9	4	6	1	7	3	8	5	2
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VIJJ GI RSPV CHZ IPV, PTW N RNJJ VIJJ

CHZ RSPV CHZ PFI.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated by quotations.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Fast X (E-3D) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Veeram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Suman (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Daredevil Musthafa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Agent (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Karungaapiyam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Sreemanta (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Fast X (E) -2 Shows; The Kerala Story (H) - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — **Ph: 2520009**
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

The Kerala Story (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am 1.20 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am, 6.50 pm
Guardians of Galaxy-3 (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Jersey Number 10 (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	(S-2)	10.00 pm; (S-3) 7.30 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm
Charles Enterprises (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.35 pm 4.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Daredevil Musthafa (K)	1.00 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	1.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	1.15 pm, 6.10 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.00 pm
The Kerala Story (Ma)	7.45 pm
Jersey Number 10 (K)	4.00 pm
Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	4.00 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	9.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Jersey Number 10 (K)	10.00 am
The Kerala Story (H)	10.15 am, 12.20 pm, 1.15 pm 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 3.20 pm 4.30 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:30 pm, 10.30 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	11.30 am
Anni Manchi Sakunamule (Te)	12.00 noon, 7 pm
IB71 (H)	12.50 pm
Suzume (Japanese)	2.50 pm
Charles Enterprises (Ma)	3.30 pm
Pichaikkaran 2 (Ta)	3.45 pm, 10.25 pm
Guardians of Galaxy 3 (E-3D)	6.20 pm
2018 (Ma)	6.35 pm
Anuragam (Ma)	10.00 pm

Trailers Screening Show - multi language : 11.35 am

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Fast X (E-3D)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm 7.00 pm, 10:00 pm
Suman (K)	10:00 am
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Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	3.05 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	4.10 pm
2018 (Ma)	9.50 pm

'Samskrutika Sambhrama' tomorrow

Mysuru, May 24- Nruthya Vidya Peetha - Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts, Mysuru, in association with Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru, has organised 'Samskrutika Sambhrama' under the guidance of Guru Vidushi C.N. Anitha at Kalpakshetra auditorium in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage here on May 25 at 5.45 pm.

On the occasion, the budding talents of the Nruthya Vidya Peetha will present Bharatanatyam recital.

Also, Swami Chitswaroopananda Saraswathi of Arsha Jnana Kendra, Mysuru, will deliver discourse on 'Sanatana Samskrutiya Arivu' as part of 'Dharma Bodhane - Series 4.'

Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, Lecturer, Department of Dance, KSGH Music and Performing Arts University, will be the chief guest.

The students of the Nruthya Vidya Peetha will showcase their talent in natuvanga management under that title 'Tala Lahari.'

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 24)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Trade Fair, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Sharana Darshana-100, Endowment Prog. and 'Smaraniyaru' book release, Vachana Gayana, **4.30 pm;** Dr. Sharathchandra Swamiji graces the occasion, former Chairman of Kannada Book Authority Dr. Nandeesh Hanche inaugurates and delivers lecture on 'Sharana Vedamurthy Sanganna haagu Sharana Darshana Ashaya,' Sanskrit scholar Prof. H.V. Nagaraja Rao releases the book, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita: Chapter-9' by Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura, Mumbai, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Kalavinka,' written by MSK Prabhu, directed by S. Ramanath, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Brindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** 76th Brindavana Pratishtana Vardhantyotsava Jnanasatra, discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Kapilacharya Galagali, Dharwad, Tatva Jnana Mandira, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** All India Sri Bhagavad Gita Campaign, discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita: Chapter-9' by Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura, Mumbai, Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Sri Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 94481-47459]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 25)

- **GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi FGC:** Inauguration of 'Gita Samhita 2K23,' Sri Nimishamba School of Dance Founder Vid. Sridhar Jain and ICSI Mysore Chapterex-Chirperson Vijaya Rao chief guests, College premises, KRS Road, **9.30 am.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** Trade Fair, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita: Chapter-9' by Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura, Mumbai, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sutragalu - Samadhi Pada,' Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** All India Sri Bhagavad Gita Campaign, discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita: Chapter-9' by Pt. Sri Mukundacharya Pachchapura, Mumbai, Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Sri Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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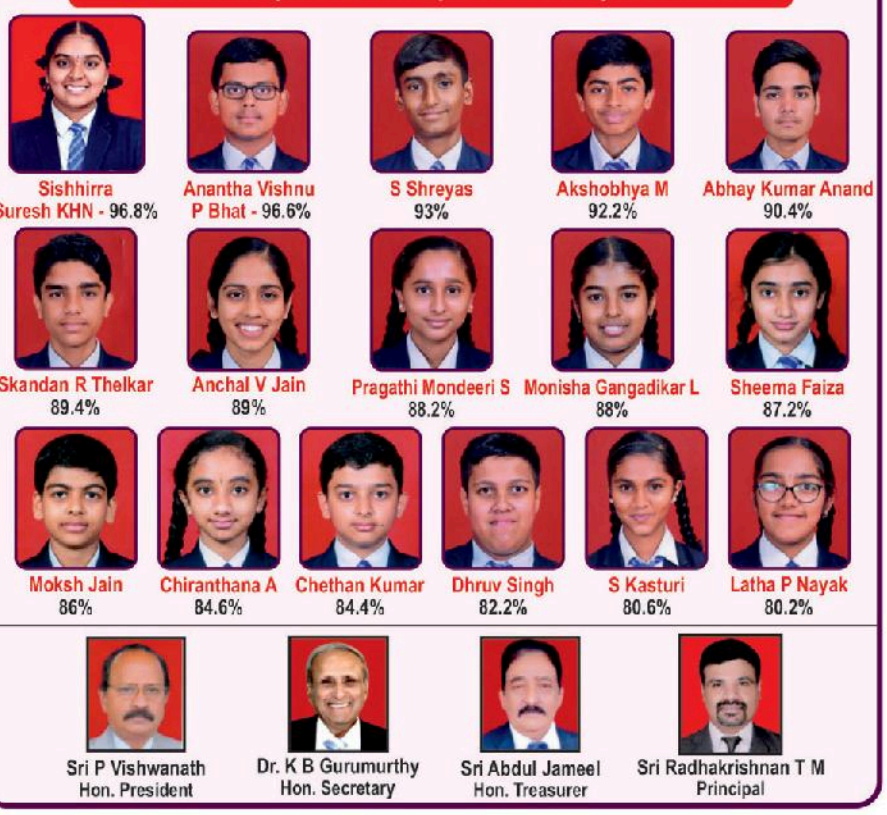
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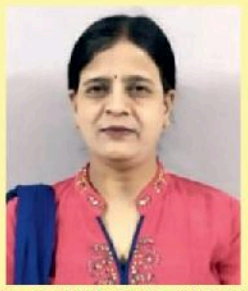

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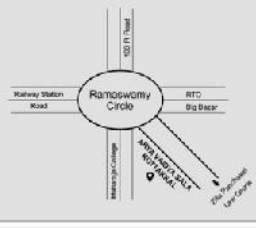

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